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300 children, 9 schools, 18 classes

On 30th September, the Teach for Hungary program organized a 3D demonstration with the help of the 3D Printing and Visualization Center at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology of the UP, which hosted disadvantaged students from the region.

The aim of the program, said Dr. Zsuzsanna Gerner, Director General of the Teacher Training Center of the UP, the project Teach for Hungary! university mentoring program, to open the world to children from the backward villages, to let them step out of the school gates, to move out of their villages and see how many experiences and opportunities await them. We thought that today, with the help of the Centre for 3D Printing and Visualization at the UP, we would show the children in grades 7-8 something new, and after a presentation, they would have the opportunity to try out 3D printing in small groups.

There are many disadvantaged municipalities in the region.

The program was launched in 2018, the UP joined in 2019 and only 4 higher education institutions were involved at that time. In addition to Miskolc, Debrecen and Nyíregyháza, the UP was chosen because there are many disadvantaged settlements in our region. There is a high drop-out rate of school children and a high proportion of disadvantaged children in the selected settlements. The Klebelsberg Center has selected 9 municipalities in the region, where 105 students from the university go on weekly visits to organise programmes. There are now 400 children in the program, with children in grades 6-7-8 in 7 of the 9 municipalities, and two municipalities where the programme starts in grade 5.